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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction and Election Requirement issued by the Examiner with respect to the above-identified patent application, and mailed on September 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect to continue prosecution with Group I, consisting of claims 1 - 18. This election is being made with traverse, and Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks:

Applicants respectfully elect prosecution of Group I, consisting of claims 1 - 18. Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that the claims can be allocated between two groups, namely Group I (consisting of apparatus claims 1 - 18), and Group II (consisting of method claims 19 - 25). The Examiner contends that the inventions identified in Group I and II do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under